Public Informational Meetings on Proposed rule Amendments Hawaii Administrative Rule, Chapter 11-62 Rules "Wastewater Systems"

Please be informed that the Department of Health will hold public informational meetings (meetings) to present proposed amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 62, entitled "Wastewater Systems". The purpose of the meetings are to discuss the major changes being proposed to the Department's current wastewater rules. The major changes being proposed include, technical provisions for processing wastewater biosolids prior to reclamation, implementing a permit program for wastewater biosolids, implementing a registration program for wastewater haulers, expanded provisions for wastewater reclamation and prohibiting the construction of new cesspools within the entire state. Many of these changes will impact engineers (both in the private and public sectors), contractors, wastewater/sludge haulers, septic tank manufacturers and suppliers and persons planning to build new homes in unsewered areas throughout the State. The public informational meetings are scheduled at the following places and times:

Honolulu, Oahu

October 28, 2002, Monday 9:00 am - 11:00 am - 1st Session and 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm - 2nd Session Department of Health, Environmental Management Division Conference Room 919 Ala Moana Blvd. 5th Floor Honolulu, Hawaii

Kona. Hawaii

October 29, 2002 Tuesday 9:00 am - 11:00 am - 1st Session and 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm - 2nd Session WIC Meeting Room (just past the WIC Office), Kealakekua Business Plaza 81-980 Halekii Street Kealakekua, Hawaii

Hilo, Hawaii

October 30, 2002 Wednesday 9:00 am - 11:00 am - 1st Session and 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm - 2nd Session Environmental Health Facility, 1582 Kamehameha Avenue Hilo, Hawaii

Kaunakakai, Molokai

November 1, 2002 Friday 9:00 am - 11:00 am - 1 Session Only DAGS Conference Room, Kaunakakai Civic Center Phase I 65 Makaena Place Kaunakakai, Molokai

Lihue, Kauai

November 6, 2002 Wednesday 9:00 am - 11:00 am - 1st Session and 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm - 2nd Session Kauai District Health Office, Department of Health, Conference Room 3040 Umi Street Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii

Kahului, Maui

November 13, 2002 Wednesday 9:00 am - 11:00 am - 1st Session and 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm - 2nd Session Maui District Health Office, Department of Health Conference Room, 3rd Floor - Room B 54 High Street Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Please R.S.V.P. for the meeting you wish to attend so that adequate space and materials can be available. You may R.S.V.P. by calling or FAXing the Wastewater Branch at numbers: on Oahu at 586-4294; from the Island of Hawaii at 974-4000 ext. 64294; from Kauai at 274-3141, ext. 64294; from Maui at 984-2400, ext. 64294; from Molokai at 468-4644, ext. 64294 or by faxing (808) 586-4300. When calling, please be prepared to specify which meeting location and session (1st or 2nd) you are interested in attending. As space is limited, adjustments may have to be made to accommodate those wishing to attend. If you are unable to attend but would like to submit written comments and concerns, please send them to the Planning and Design Section, Wastewater Branch, State Department of Health, 919 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 309, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814.

Any persons with a hearing impairment desiring to attend the proceedings may request the assistance of a sign language interpreter, provided such request is made at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled event. This request may be made by writing to the Wastewater Branch, Department of Health, 919 Ala Moana Blvd. Room 309, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4920 or by faxing (808)586-4300.

The current draft of the proposed amendments to Chapter 11-62 may be viewed and downloaded from the Department's web site at www.health.state.hi.us/health/rules/admrulechanges.html